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Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations; (WT Proceeding—No. 11-65).

Dear Commissioners:

I am the president and CEO of Community Health Works, which has the mission of regional integration of "whole-person healthcare" for the uninsured in middle Georgia. Through my years of experience in this field, I have come to appreciate how important it is to keep health care costs low while still providing the level of care that is needed. In many cases, that means engaging specialists, which is inconvenient for patients who are not in urban areas and may not even be able to afford the transportation to get there.

We can overcome this problem by connecting specialists with general practitioners in our area via video, voice and data connections. Not only can physicians and other health care professionals consult, but they can share test results and even video appointments with patients. The proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile will greatly help make these connections by delivering ultra-fast wireless access to all parts of our state.

People who have become accustomed to having high-speed Internet service may not be sensitive to the fact that it is not even available in some parts of Georgia. While it may not be economically viable for companies to connect every household through wired service, wireless provides anyone in reach of the signal the opportunity to access it. We are fortunate that AT&T is willing to make the investment needed to deliver next-generation service to a vast majority of the American population.

I hope you share with me the excitement about the possibilities that the next generation of high-speed wireless service and the impact that it can have on health care.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Dent
President and CEO

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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell